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Ball Horticultural Company

DECEMS, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED PLANT. THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TILLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANE(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY ${
m LAW}$, THE IGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY; OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR ORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITION ING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE PURPOSES, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT D BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

ZINNIA

'PAS553643'

In Testimony Wherevi, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Bariety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this twenty-fifth day of November, in the year two thousand and eight.

Plant Variety Protection Office Agricultural Marketing Servic

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(See reverse for instructions and information collection burden statement)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: To be effectively filed with the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO), ALL of the following items must be received in the PVPO: (1) Completed application form signed by the owner; (2) completed exhibits A, B, C, E, F; (3) for a tuber reproduced variety, verification that a viable (in the sense that it will reproduce an entire plant) tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository; and (4) payment by credit card or check drawn on a U.S. bank for \$4,382 (\$518 filing fee and \$3,864 examination fee), payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (See Section 97.6 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice). NEW: With the application for a seed reproduced variety or by direct deposit soon after filing, the applicant must provide at least 3,000 viable untreated seeds of the variety per se, and for a hybrid variety at least 3,000 untreated seeds of each line necessary to reproduce the variety. Partial applications will be held in the PVPO for not more than 90 days; then returned to the applicant as un-filed. Mail application and other requirements to Plant Variety Protection Office, AMS, USDA, Room 401, NAL Building, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the application are self explanatory unless noted below. Corrections on the application form and exhibits must be initialed and dated. DO NOT use masking materials to make corrections. If a certificate is allowed, you will be requested to send a payment by credit card or check payable to "Treasurer of the United States" in the amount of \$768 for issuance of the certificate. Certificates will be issued to owner, not licensee or agent.

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SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:

To avoid conflict with other variety names in use, the applicant must check the appropriate recognized authority and **provide evidence** that the permanent name of the application variety (even if it is a parental, inbred line) has been cleared by the appropriate recognized authority before the Certificate of Protection is issued. For example, for agricultural and vegetable crops, contact: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, Livestock and Seed Programs, Seed Regulatory and Testing Branch, 801 Summit Crossing Place, Suite C, Gastonia, North Carolina 28054-2193 Telephone: (704) 810-8870. http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/seed.htm.

ITEM

19a. Give:

- (1) the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method;
- (2) the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication;
- (3) evidence of uniformity and stability; and
- (4) the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified
- 19b. Give a summary of the variety's distinctness. Clearly state how this application variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety is most similar to one variety or a group of related varieties:
 - (1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively;
 - (2) attach replicated statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these are clear differences; and
 - (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs (prints) of seed and plant comparisons which clearly indicate distinctness.
- 19c. Exhibit C forms are available from the PVPO Office for most crops; specify crop kind. Fill in Exhibit C (Objective Description of Variety) form as completely as possible to describe your variety.
- 19d. Optional additional characteristics and/or photographs. Describe any additional characteristics that cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the characteristics that are difficult to describe, such as plant habit, plant color, disease resistance, etc.
- 19e. Section 52(5) of the Act requires applicants to furnish a statement of the basis of the applicant's ownership. An Exhibit E form is available from the PVPO.
- 20. If "Yes" is specified (seed of this variety be sold by variety name only, as a class of certified seed), the applicant MAY NOT reverse this affirmative decision after the variety has been sold and so labeled, the decision published, or the certificate issued. However, if "No" has been specified, the applicant may change the choice. (See Regulations and Rules of Practice, Section 97.103).
- 23. See Sections 41, 42, and 43 of the Act and Section 97.5 of the regulations for eligibility requirements.
- 24. See Section 55 of the Act for instructions on claiming the benefit of an earlier filing date.
- 22. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide a statement as to the limitation and sequence of generations that may be certified.)
- 23. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide the date of first sale, disposition, transfer, or use for each country and the circumstances, if the variety (including any harvested material) or a hybrid produced from this variety has been sold, disposed of, transferred, or used in the U.S. or other countries.)
- 24. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please give the country, date of filing or issuance, and assigned reference number, if the variety or any component of the variety is protected by intellectual property right (Plant Breeder's Right or Patent).)

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EXHIBIT A

Breeding History of the Zinnia marylandica Variety 'PAS553643'

In 1979 several plants were selected from the Zinnia angustifolia variety 'Classic Orange' (W. Atlee Burpee Company). Bees were allowed to pollinate these outdoors and an open-pollinated population produced. In 1980, selections were made from that population. In 1981 one of those selections was crossed to the Z. angustifolia (also known as Z. linearis) variety 'Pocha' (Pocha Seed Pvt., Ltd., India). The F₁ from that cross was sown in 1982, many sibling pollinations (sibs) were made and the seed from those sibs was harvested into a bulk. That sib bulk, which segregated colors ranging from white to deep orange, was sown later in 1982. Many pairs of plants from that sib bulk were sibbed, i.e pairs of sister plants of similar appearance were chosen and cross-pollinated. Seed from each sib pair was sown separately in 1983. In 1983, 1984, and 1985, single plants were selected from each sib population. In 1986, a pair of plants from a line segregating golden yellow to orange was sibbed. In 1987, the line stemming from that sib produced many double-flowered as well as single-flowered plants. Multiple sibs were made among the double-flowered plants. The seed from these sibs was harvested in a bulk and sown in 1989. That bulk population segregated double-flowered as well as single-flowered plants. Double-flowered plants of that bulk were used as females in crosses with the Z. violaceae (also known as Z. elegans) variety 'Starlight Salmon'. The F_1 seed was bulked and sown in 1990. Since these interspecific progeny were sterile, seedlings were treated with colchicine to induce chromosome doubling and generate fertile plants of the 'synthetic' amphiploid species Z. marylandica. [see in Exhibit D, Spooner, D.M., D.P. Stimart and T.H. Boyle. 1991. Zinnia marylandica (Asteraceae: Heliantheae), a new disease-resistant ornamental hybrid. Brittonia 43:7-10]. Seed from the amphiploid F₁ was bulked and sown in 1991. Selections were made among plants from this bulk. Seed was harvested, cold-stored, and the program was discontinued until 2000.

In 2000, seed of the *Z. marylandica* selections made in 1991 was sown. One of those selections, 0Z43Z-10, was used as a female in a cross with the *Z. marylandica* variety 'Profusion Cherry' (also referred to *Zinnia hybrida*, PVPO9800014). Seed of the resultant F₁ hybrid ZM00701 was sown in the fall of 2001. Three of these F₁ plants were chosen at random and self-pollinated. The F₁ selections were labeled ZM00701-1, ZM00701-2, and ZM00701-3. From each plant F₂ seed was harvested separately in the spring of 2001.

The F_2 seed from all three F_1 selections was sown separately in the spring of 2001. Among the resultant F_2 plants from line ZM00701-2, four selections were made, mainly for double flowers and varying flower color, and those plants were self-pollinated. F_3 seed was harvested separately from each selection in the fall of 2001.

During the crop seasons summer 2002, winter 02/03, summer 2003, and summer 2004, four F_3 , fifteen F_4 , five F_5 , and five F_6 single plant selections were made, respectively, on the basis of double flowers, uniform rose color, good germination, and uniformity of habit.

The F₇ seed from line ZM00701-2-3-2-5-2-5 was sown in the spring of 2005. It was determined that plants of this line had uniformly double, rose flowers, a uniform habit, and germinated and yielded well. The line was now labeled G7171M with the pedigree ZM00701-2-3-2-5-2-5-m05. Open-pollinated seed was produced from 8 plants of line G7171M by harvesting pollen from each plant by hand and pollinating all other plants in the group of eight with that pollen. That open pollinated seed was harvested in September 2005.

The open-pollinated seed harvested from 8 plants in September of 2005 was sown in a field isolation in January 2006. Pollination occurred via wind and bees among 270 plants. Seed was harvested from these 270 field-grown plants in April of 2006.

During the summer of 2006 seed produced via open pollination in both the group of 8 plants grown in 2005 and the group of 270 plants grown in 2006 as well as remnant F_7 breeder's seed of the single plant selection ZM00701-2-3-2-5-2-5 were sown in trials. G7171M was shown to be both uniform for all characters (e.g. flower doubleness, color, plant habit, flowering date), as well as stable across these three generations. G7171M was then assigned variety name 'PAS553643'.

Variants appear in 'PAS553643' at a frequency of about 0.5 percent. These variants have lengthened internodes but are identical to the variety in all other characteristics as described in Exhibit C. These variants are known to be the result of spontaneous mutation due to aneuploidy. This type of mutation occurs in most, if not all, *Zinnia marylandica* varieties and is a characteristic of the species. These variants are commercially acceptable and predictable.

EXHIBIT B

Statement of Distinctness of the Variety 'PAS553643'

'PAS553643' is most readily distinguished from 'Profusion Double Cherry' which is the most similar commercial variety available, by number of ray florets per flower and flower diameter.

The average number of ray florets of 'PAS553643' compared to 'Profusion Double Cherry' is shown in Table 1 and Figure 1 below. Greenhouse trials were conducted in two locations: Santa Paula, California and Elburn, Illinois. For analysis, ray florets from twelve flowers were measured of each variety. In both trials, 'PAS553643' was found to have significantly more ray florets than the comparison 'Profusion Double Cherry'.

Table 1. Differences between average number of ray florets of 'PAS553643' compared to 'Profusion Double Cherry'.

Trial	PAS553643	'Profusion	Sample	t	t	P Value
	Average	Double	Size	Critical	Statistic	·
	Number of	Cherry'	Each	α=.05		
	Ray Florets	Average	Variety			
		Number of				
		Ray Florets				
Santa Paula	53.1 +/- 6.5	19.5 +/- 2.2	12	2.1	17.1	3.6E-14
Elburn	30.6 +/- 2.4	19.9 +/- 1.6	12	2.1	12.7	1.4E-11

The flower diameter of 'PAS553643' compared to 'Profusion Double Cherry' is shown in Table 2 and Figure 1 below. Greenhouse trials were conducted in two locations: Santa Paula, California and Elburn, Illinois. For analysis, the diameters of the first fully open flower from twelve plants of each variety were measured. In both trials, 'PAS553643' was found to have significantly larger flower diameter than the comparison 'Profusion Double Cherry'.

Table 2. Flower diameter of 'PAS553643' compared to 'Profusion Double Cherry'.

Trial	'PAS553643'	'Profusion	Sample	t	t	P Value
	Average	Double	Size	Critical	Statistic	
	Flower	Cherry'	Each	α=.05		
	Diameter	Average	Variety			
	(cm)	Flower				
		Diameter (cm)				
Santa Paula	6.2 +/- 0.3	5.1 +/- 0.4	12	2.1	6.7	1.1E-06
Elburn	6.3 +/- 0.3	5.3 +/- 0.3	12	2.1	7.6	1.4E-07

In addition, please see Figure 1 in Exhibit C, Comments Section #14.

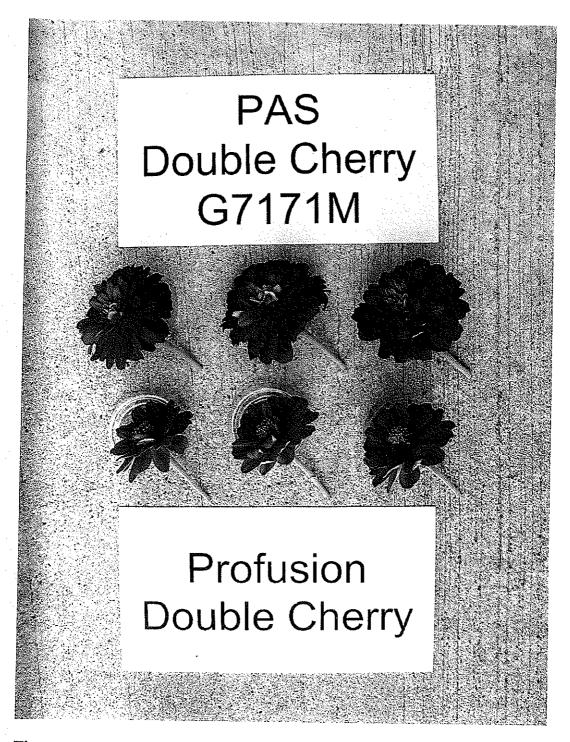


Figure 1. Flowers of 'PAS553643', labeled with temporary designation number PAS Double Cherry G7171M, (top) and flowers of 'Profusion Double Cherry' (bottom) showing flowers of 'PAS553643' to be both larger and more double, i.e having more rows of ray florets, than those of 'Profusion Double Cherry'.

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Exhibit C

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY Zinnia (Zinnia spp.)

NAME OF APPLICANT (S)	TEMPORARY OR EXPERIMENTAL DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME				
Ball Horticultural Company	PAS Double Cherry G7171M	'PAS553643'				
ADDRESS (Street and No. or RD No., City, State, Zip Code and Country)	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY					
622 Town Road		PVPO NUMBER				
West Chicago, IL 60185 USA		#200700335				
PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
that describe the characteristics of the most similar co- choose for comparison should be the most similar one trials with the application variety for 2-3 location/years conducted within the United States of America. In ger plants or plant parts to obtain averages and statistic	rs that describe the characteristics of the application va- imparison variety. Right justify whole numbers by addir in terms of overall morphology, background and matur (environments) in the region and season of best adaptheral, measurements of quantitative traits should be taked that describe a typical field of the variety. (Form technical)	ng leading zeros if necessary. The variety that you rity. The comparison variety should be grown in field ability. At least one year of trials should be sen from one trial on 15-25 randomly selected nical content last updated August 1978.)				
Application Variety Data		Comparison Variety Data				
1. SPECIES:		Comparison Variety Name Profusion				
- 4 Species: 1 = Z. elegans 2 = Z. lir 4 = Species Cross Z. ang	nearis 3 = Z. haggeana (angustifolia) ustifolia x Z. violaceae (formerly Z. elegans)	4 Species Double Cherry				
2. PLOIDY						
Ploidy: 1 = Diploid (24) 2 = Tetraploid	d (48) 3 = Other (Specify)	Ploidy				
3. FLOWER TYPE 1 = Button (Cherry Buttons, Thum 3 = Dahlia (Dream, Exquisite) 5 = Cactus (Blaze, Sunny Boy)	belina) 2 = Pompon (Scarlet Gem, White Gem) 4 = Crested, Scabiosa (Wind Witch) 6 = Mexican (Old Mexico)					
4. PLANT						
6 2 Days from Emergence to First Flower		6 1 Days to First Flower				
2 Season: 1 = Short, Concentrated Flowering	g 2 = Long, Continuous Flowering	2 Season				
1 1 No. of Primary Branches		1 0 No. of Primary Branches				
1 8 No. of Secondary Branches		1 9 No. of Secondary Branches				
0 8 No. of Tertiary Branches		0 6 No. of Tertiary Branches				
Main Stalk:	Main Stalk:					
0 7 No. of Internodes on Main Stalk		0 6 No. of Internodes on Main Stalk				
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cm Length of Internodes Between First 0 5 mm Diameter Between First and Secon		0 4 em Length of Internodes 0 5 mm Diameter				
Application Variaty Data		Comparison Varioty Data				
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Application Variety Data	Comparison Variety Data
4. PLANT, Main Stem:(cont.)	
1 Habit: 1 = Compact 2 = Spreading	1 Habit
2 2 cm Wide	2 4 cm Wide
2 7 cm High	2 2 cm High
3 Pubescence: 1 = Glabrous 2 = Sparsely Pubescent 3 = Pubescent	3 Pubescence
5. LEAF	
1 Leaf Shape: 1 = Lanceolate 2 = Ovate 3 = Elliptic	1 Leaf Shape
0 3 6 mm Wide	0 3 0 mm Wide
0 8 6 mm Long	0 7 2 mm Long
2 Dorsal Surface Pubescence: 1 = Glabrous 2 = Pubescent	2 Dorsal Surface Pubescence
2 Ventral Surface Pubescence: 1 = Glabrous 2 = Pubescent	2 Ventral Surface Pubescence
6. FLOWERS	
	0 7 cm Length of Cut Flower
2 2 Average No. Flowers per Plant	2 3 Average No. Flowers per Plant
0 6 cm Diameter of Head	0 5 cm Diameter of Head
2 Stem Rigidity: 1 = Rigid 2 = Flexible	2 Stem Rigidity
2 Stem Brittleness: 1 = Brittle 2 = Wirey	2 Stems Brittleness
Doubleness: 1 = Single (one row of rays) 2 = Semi-single (several rows of rays)	2 Doubleness
3 = Semi-double (many rows of rays) 4 = Double (all rays)	
7. RAY PETALS	
Shape 1 = Flat 2 = Twisted 3 = Curled 4 = Shaggy 5 = Quilled 6 = Combination or Other (Specify)	1 Shape
1 Dorsal Surface Pubescence: 1 = Glabrous 2 = Pubescent	Dorsal Surface Pubescence
2 Ventral Surface Pubescence: 1 = Glabrous 2 = Pubescent	2 Ventral Surface Pubescence
1 Dorsal Surface Luster: 1 = Dull 2 = Shiny	Dorsal Surface Luster
1 Ventral Surface Luster: 1 = Dull 2 = Shiny	1 Ventral Surface Luster
2 Apices Shape: 1 = Acute 2 = Obtuse	2 Apices Shape
2 Apices Margin: 1 = Entire 2 = Notched 3 = Spined	2 Apices Margin
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Application Variety Data	Comparison Variety Data
COLOR OF RAYS: Select from colors below. Consider only the predominant colors. Select two color colors References below.)	des when necessary, i.e. Whitish-Orange) 01 06
	7 = Gold 08 = Bronze Red-purple
Color Chart Name RHS Colour Chart 0 4 Monocolor Color Chart Value 61B	Color Location Color Chart Value 70B
Patterns for Bicolor or Multicolor:	Patterns for Bicolor or Multicolor:
Apex Half Dorsal Side Color Chart Value	Apex Half Dorsal Side
Apex Half Ventral Side Color Chart Value	Apex Half Ventral Side
Base Half Dorsal Side Color Chart Value	Base Half Dorsal Side
Base Half Ventral Side Color Chart Value	Base Half Ventral Side
Background Dorsal Side Color Chart Value	Background Dorsal Side
1 4 Background Ventral Side Color Chart Value69B	0 5 Background Ventral Side 56C
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Other Dorsal Side Color Chart Value Describe	Other Dorsal Side
Other Ventral Side Color Chart Value	Other Ventral Side
Describe	Describe
9. DISK FLORETS	
3 Presence: 1 = Absent 2 = Present, Covered 3 = Present, Conspicuous	3 Presence
•	1 Type
0 6 Color (Choose from Colors in No. 8 Above)	0 6 Color 21A
Color Chart Name RHS Color Chart Code 17A	Color Chart Code
10. ANTHOCYANIN (1 = Absent, 2 = Present)	
1 Seedlings	1 Seedlings
1 Stems	2 Stems
1 Leaves	1 Leaves
2 Flowers	² Flowers
A. J. W. H. D. L.	Marie S. C.
Application Variety Data	Comparison Variety Data

Application Variety Data	Comparison Variety Data
1. SEEDS:	
	4 Yield
	0 6 mm Long
3 mm Wide	0 3 mm Wide
Color: 1 = Tan 2 = Light Brown 3 = Dark Brown	Color Greyed-green
Color Chart NameRHS Color Chart Code	Color Chart Code 197A
2 6 0 mg Per 100 Seeds	2 4 0 mg Per 100 Seeds
RIED RECEPTICLE (After Seed Removal):	
4 Shape: 1 = Flat 2 = Dome 3 = Globe 4 = Cone	4 Shape
0 3 mm em Length	0 3 em Length
0 2 mm Diameter at Base	0 3 em Diameter at Base
B. DISEASE: (0 = Not Tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)	
O Powdery Mildew	O Powdery Mildew
0 Mosaic	O Mosaic
0 Fusarium Wilt	Fusarium Wilt
O Alternaria Leaf Spot	0 Alternaria Leaf Spot

14. Comments: Attach ONE photographic print of the application variety and the comparison variety described above, indicating the identity of each variety. This photograph should show flower heads of each variety at a magnification sufficient to identify most of the verbal descriptors given above. (Additional photographs in support of this application may be supplied as part of the Exhibits B or D.)

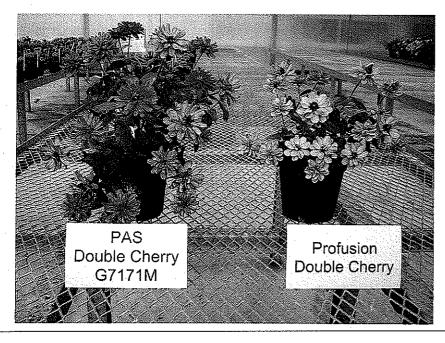


Figure 1. Comparison of
Zinnia 'PAS553643', labeled with
temporary designation number
PAS Double Cherry G7171M (left),
with Zinnia 'Profusion Double Cherry'
(right). Flowers of 'PAS553643'
are more double, i.e. have more
rows of ray florets, and are larger
than those of 'Profusion Double
Cherry' as detailed in Exhibit B.

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COLOR: Munsell Book of Color, Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, Nickerson's or any recognized color fan may be used to determine the color of the variety.

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ZINNIA MARYLANDICA (ASTERACEAE: HELIANTHEAE), A NEW DISEASE-RESISTANT ORNAMENTAL HYBRID

DAVID M. SPOONER, DENNIS P. STIMART, AND THOMAS H. BOYLE

Spooner, David M. (Vegetable Crops Research Unit, Agricultural Research Service, USDA, Department of Horticulture, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706), Dennis P. Stimart (Department of Horticulture, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706), and Thomas H. Boyle (Department of Plant and Soil Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003). Zinnia marylandica (Asteraceae: Heliantheae), a new disease-resistant ornamental hybrid. Brittonia 43: 7-10. 1991.—Zinnia marylandica, an artificial hybrid between Z. angustifolia var. angustifolia (2n = 22, female) and Z. violacea (2n = 24, male), is described and illustrated. Zinnia marylandica is a stabilized amphiploid (2n = 46) produced by colchicine-induced doubling of the sterile interspecific hybrids. It exhibits disease resistance to powdery mildew (Erysiphe cichoracearum), alternaria blight (Alternaria zinniae), and bacterial leaf and flower spot (Xanthomonas campestris pv. zinniae).

The genus Zinnia L. (Asteraceae: Heliantheae) comprises approximately 11 species of annual or perennial herbs or low shrubs, all endemic to the western hemisphere and largely restricted to Mexico (McVaugh, 1984; Torres, 1963). Zinnia violacea Cav. [including Z. elegans Jacq. (McVaugh, 1984)] is the most widely cultivated species and is prized among garden ornamentals for its large, showy inflorescences and diversity of ray floret colors and petal forms. Plants are erect, 9–100 cm in height, sparsely-branched, with large, ovate to lanceolate leaves; and cultivated forms have one to several whorls of ray florets. The chromosome number is n = 12 (Torres, 1963; Terry-Lewandowski et al., 1984).

A second species, Z. angustifolia H.B.K. var. angustifolia, is less extensively cultivated and is morphologically distinct from Z. violacea. Plants are semi-decumbent, 20-40 cm in height, profusely branched, with linear to oblong-elliptic leaves and masses of small flowers with a single whorl of orange or white ray florets (Torres, 1963). The chromosome number is n = 11 (Olorode, 1970; Terry-Lewandowski et al., 1984).

Although Z. violacea is popular as a bedding plant and cut flower, the species is prone to attack by several pathogens. In the United States, three pathogens in particular incite moderate to severe epiphytotics within Z. violacea plantings: Erysiphe cichoracearum DC. ex Merat causing powdery mildew (Baker & Locke, 1946; Morrison, 1960; Andersen, 1971), Alternaria zinniae Pape causing alternaria blight (Dimock & Osborn, 1943; Baker & Davis, 1950; Lipschutz, 1965), and Xanthomonas campestris pv. zinniae Hopkins & Dowson causing bacterial leaf and flower spot (Sleesman et al., 1973; Strider, 1976). Powdery mildew is the most serious disease of Zinnia in the United States, and susceptibility of Z. violacea cultivars to powdery mildew appears to be a major contributing factor to declining sales of zinnia seed (L. Drewlow, pers. comm.). Zinnia angustifolia is highly resistant or immune to all three pathogens and therefore represents a valuable germplasm source for genetic manipulations (Andersen, 1971; Jones & Strider, 1979; Lipschutz, 1965).

Studies were initiated at the University of Maryland in 1979 to determine if interspecific hybridization between Z. angustifolia and Z. violacea could be achieved, with the primary goal of developing disease-resistant hybrids with unique flower colors and plant habits. Although interspecific hybrids were obtained from reciprocal crosses, hybridization was more successful when Z. angustifolia was the maternal parent (Boyle & Stimart, 1982). Embryo abortion, poor seed ger-

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mination, and abnormal plant development among some hybrids acted as post-zygotic barriers to interspecific hybridization (Boyle et al., 1987).

Cytological examinations of interspecific hybrids indicated a somatic chromosome number of 2n = 23 (Terry-Lewandowski et al., 1984), and all plants were sterile. Lagging univalents and an irregular distribution of chromosomes were major factors contributing to hybrid sterility. Partial fertility was restored by treatment of axillary buds with aqueous colchicine (Boyle & Stimart, 1982; Terry-Lewandowski et al., 1984). The colchicine-induced amphiploids (2n = 46) formed predominantly bivalents at metaphase I due to suppression of pairing between homologous chromosomes. As a consequence, these segmental allopolyploids performed both cytologically and genetically as diploids and bred true from seed with little or no segregation in later generations (Terry-Lewandowski et al., 1984). We name this hybrid species after the University of Maryland, the institution where hybridization and genetic studies were initiated. Cross-combinations that produced this hybrid are found in Boyle & Stimart (1982):

Zinnia marylandica D. M. Spooner, D. P. Stimart & T. H. Boyle, sp. nov. (Fig. 1)

Plantae inter Z. angustifoliam H.B.K. var. angustifoliam (2n = 22) et Z. violaceam (2n = 24) Cav. hybridae, ut Z. violacea e basi ramosissimae, statura inter parentes intermediae, chromosomatum numerus = 46.

Annual herb. Stems 35-55 cm tall, 0.7-1.3 cm diam, highly branched at base and overall shape of plant hemispherical or urn-shaped, brown to greenish-yellow, pubescent. Leaves sessile to subsessile; blades 5-12 cm long, 1.5-4.5 cm wide, lanceolate to ovate to oblanceolate; scabrous and sessile, glandular ad- and abaxially; base cuneate; apex acute to acuminate; margins entire. Capitulescences solitary; peduncles 1-10 cm long, 1-3 mm diam, tomentose. Heads radiate, 15-20 mm long, 40-60 mm diam across extended rays. Involucre campanulate, 9-10 mm long, 18-22 mm diam, phyllaries imbricate, 20-32, 4-seriate, reflexed apically, light green to yellow or brown, dark brown and erose at the apex, glabrous to glandular-tomentose; outer phyllaries broadly obovate, 6-8.5 mm long, 5-8 mm wide; inner phyllaries obovate, 10-12 mm long, 4-6 mm wide. Pales conduplicate, 10-14 mm long, 2-2.2 mm wide, stramineous, glabrous except strigose on keel, acute to erose at apex. Ray florets 13-17; pistillate and fertile, persistent on the achenes, ligules creamy white to yellow to red-orange adaxially, greenishyellow abaxially; 15-28 mm long, 8-15 mm wide; achenes 4-7.5 mm long, 2.5-3.2 mm wide, oblanceolate, 3-angled, strigose, margins ciliate, tuberculate when mature. Disc florets 120–150, corollas yellow to red-orange, 10–11 mm long, 1– 1.3 mm diam; lobes 2-4.5 mm long, 0.5-0.8 mm wide; achenes 5-7 mm long, 2.8-3.2 mm wide, obovate, laterally flattened, strigose, ciliate at margins, black, brown or black-brown mottled or with whitish longitudinal lines; pappus of 1 or 2 persistent awns to 4.5 mm long.

Type: U.S.A.: Cultivated amphiploid plant grown at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, resulting from crosses between Zinnia angustifolia H.B.K. var. angustifolia and Z. violacea Cav., 28 Aug 1988, Stimart 1 (HOLOTYPE: WIS; ISOTYPES: MARY, OS).

Early hybridization attempts between Z. angustifolia and Z. violacea utilized an orange-flowered cultivar of Z. angustifolia (Boyle & Stimart, 1982). Interspecific hybrids from these crosses did not express the diversity in ray floret color found among the Z. violacea cultivars used as pollen parents. Instead, hybrids displayed orange, scarlet, or yellow ray florets, i.e., colors more closely resembling the Z. angustifolia parent. A white-flowered cultivar of Z. angustifolia was used in later hybridization attempts and resulted in interspecific hybrids with white,

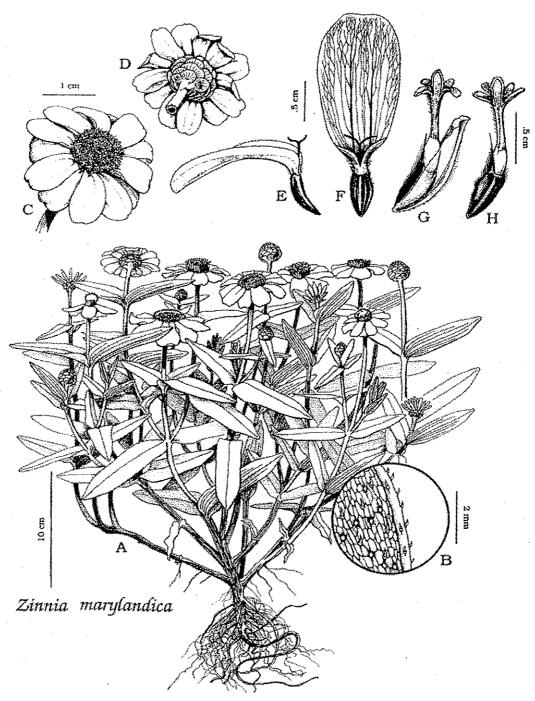


Fig. 1. Zinnia marylandica. A. Habit of plant. B. Abaxial leaf surface showing scabrous trichomes and sessile glands. C. Upper, and D. Lower view of a head. E. Side and F. Face view of ray achene. G. Disc floret and achene enclosed in pale. H. Disc floret and achene. (All from Stimart 1.)

pink, lavender, salmon, and burgundy ray florets (Boyle & Stimart, 1989), thus considerably broadening the flower color range. Full exploitation of the genetic variability within Z. marylandica by sexual recombination or asexual breeding techniques will probably extend the flower color range beyond that observed to date.

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Evaluation of Z. marylandica seedlings in greenhouse and outdoor field trials has demonstrated that plants are highly ornamental and prolific in flowering. In addition, the seedlings exhibit high levels of resistance to Alternaria zinniae and Erysiphe cichoracearum and moderate to high levels of resistance to Xanthomonas campestris pv. zinniae (Terry-Lewandowski & Stimart, 1983). Unique combinations of flower color and plant habit have been obtained through interspecific hybridization, and Z. marylandica germplasm provides an expanded gene pool for development of ornamental characteristics not previously found in either parental species.

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